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# **NEWS RELEASE**



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## Free Child Safety Seat Clinic

The Beaverton Police Department in a partnership with ACTS Oregon and Kuni Auto Center will be conducting a child car seat clinic on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Kuni Auto Center located at 3725 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This clinic is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to properly install and use a child safety seat. A properly installed and used child safety seat will greatly decrease the chance of your child sustaining a serious or life threating injury during a motor vehicle crash.

No appointment is necessary, drop in between posted hours. To ensure correct installation and faster service, please read and bring your car seat instructions and vehicle owner's manual. A certified technician will help parents and caregivers learn to install and use their child restraints properly. Each car seat check will take about 30 minutes.

#### **Child Restraints**

- Child passengers must be restrained in an approved child safety seat until they weigh 40 pounds.
- Infants must ride rear facing until they reach both one year of age **AND** 20 pounds.

#### **Booster Seats**

- Children over 40 pounds **OR** who have reached the upper weight limit of their car seat's harness system, must use a booster seat until they are 4'9" tall **OR** age 8
- The booster seat requirement does not apply when the rear seat of the vehicle is equipped only with lap belts, provided the child is secured by the lap belt.
- For additional details about Oregon's Booster Seat Law click here.

### **Safety Belts**

- A child taller than 4'9" **OR** age 8 or older must be properly secured with the vehicle's safety belt.
- The child is properly secured if the lap belt is positioned low across the thighs and the shoulder belt is positioned over the collarbone and away from the neck